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TO AMEMBASSY OSLO

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 113020

E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: PFOR, NO

SUBJECT: AMERICAN BISHOP DESIRES TO SEE NORWEGIAN KING

1. DEPT HAS COMMUNICATED WITH THE METROPOLITAN CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA (MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES) WHICH REPORTS THAT THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH IS NOT LISTED IN THE "YEARBOOK OF CHURCHES". THE ORGANIZATION DECLINED TO GIVE FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHURCH OR ITS LEADER.

2. A SOURCE IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE IN PHILADELPHIA REPORTS THAT BISHOP SHELTON HAS A LARGE AND SEEMINGLY WELL-TO-DO CHURCH. HE THOUGHT THAT THE BISHOP DOES A GREAT DEAL OF TRAVELING. WHEN INFORMED THAT THE MATTER CONCERNING THE BISHOP HAD TO DO WITH A CALL ON A HEAD OF STATE, THE OFFICIAL QUESTIONED WHETHER SUCH A CALL WOULD BE ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE.

3. A RECENT NEWSPAPER ARTICLE IN PHILADELPHIA ABOUT THE BISHOP (AND HIS CHURCH) INDICATED THAT THERE IS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CONTROVERSY CONNECTED WITH THE BISHOP.

4. THE EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO PASS ALONG THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR ITS USE IN CONSIDERING THE BISHOP'S REQUEST. BROWN

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